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Priests Start Celebration With Mass, Dinner

152 CLERGYMEN OPEN JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY APRIL 30, ON CAMPUS

The Golden Jubilee celebration got under way, April 30, when 152 priests returned to the campus.

Xavier and Noll halls were dedicated by the Most Rev. John F. Noll, D. D., bishop of the diocese of Fort Wayne. Then followed a Solemn High Mass, with the Very Rev. Joseph Marling, S. T. L., Ph. D., provincial of the Society of the Precious Blood, celebrant.

BISHOP GIVES SERMON

Bishop Noll, during his sermon, pointed out that St. Joseph's is not running an educational institution for financial gain, because there is no financial gain connected with it. He explained that the Fathers of the Precious Blood are operating the college, because they desire to give young men a Catholic education.

MSGR. GOEBEL SPEAKS

As the principal speaker at the banquet, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Rupert C. Goebel, of Mansfield, O., used as his theme the idea that St. Joseph's was built on the solid foundation of religion, work, sacrifice, and discipline.

Anecdotes of the early history of the college were narrated by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward Mungovan, of Hammond, and the Rev. John F. Cogan, oldest alumnus.

Brief remarks were made by Bishop Noll, Father Marling, and Father Dirksen, the college president.

BLESSES HALL



The Golden Jubilee celebration opened with the Most Rev. John F. Noll dedicating a residence hall named in his honor. The Bishop of Fort Wayne is shown with the Rev. James Fitzgerald, of Remington, and the Very Rev. Dr. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., president of St. Joseph's.

Chicago Plans Golf Turney

CHICAGO.—The Third Annual Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Cook County Chapter, will probably be held Tuesday, June 10, it was decided at a business meeting, April 29.

A committee of five, Paul Kirchner, '18-'19; Charles Pirola, '10-'14; Bernard Lear, '13-'19; Carl Schmidt, '13-'17; Arthur Flood, '37-'38, and John Kallal, '17-'19, will select a course and make detailed arrangements.

The Brother Dave Trophy, won

Fort Wayne Elects Leaders

BULLETIN

FORT WAYNE.—Newly elected officers of the Fort Wayne chapter met April 29 and decided to hold a meeting for all members of the unit, Wednesday, May 21.

FORT WAYNE.—Officers for the Fort Wayne Chapter were elected, April 25, in the Community Center. They are:

President, Henry Contant, '10-'13; vice-president, the Rev. Gilbert Wirtz, '26-'32; secretary, Carl Neuer, '14-'16, Huntington; treasurer, the Rev. Leonard Cross, '27-'31.

J. Henry Hipskind, '05-'11, president of the Alumni Association, gave a report on the meeting of national officers held the previous Sunday, at Collegeville.

The Very Rev. Dr. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., '14-'20, president of St. Joseph's, gave a detailed report on the Fieldhouse Fund drive.

Edward Fischer, '28-'34, secretary-treasurer of the Association, asked the alumni to educate themselves on the advantages the college has to offer, so that they might "talk St. Joe" to prospective students. He requested that they watch for an editorial in the May issue of CONTACT entitled, "Here're the Facts."

CLASS OF '31 WILL MEET FOR TENTH ANNIVERSARY

The class of '31 will hold its tenth anniversary celebration during the Alumni Days festivities, June 15, 16.

All members of that class will be lodged in Drexel Hall, formerly known as the old Indian School. A special table will be reserved for the class at the Alumni Association's banquet.

Arrangements for the reunion of '31 are in charge of the Revs. Leonard Cross and Louis Duray.

Officers Slate Annual Meeting For Sunday Night

PRESIDENT REPORTS FIELDHOUSE FUND RISES TO \$27,000 MARKER

Alumni Days were scheduled for Sunday and Monday, June 15 and 16, during a meeting of the national officers, April 20, at St. Joseph's.

The banquet and business meeting will be held, Sunday night. The Mass for deceased alumni, and a golf and a softball tournament are slated for Monday. The program has been advanced that the priests of the diocese of Fort Wayne will be able to take part in all events, and yet register for their annual retreat at 2 p. m. Monday.

EXPECT BIG CROWD

In size of attendance, the Alumni Days will probably be the biggest celebration during the Jubilee year. It will be the joint celebration of clergy and lay alumni. The laymen will have their separate celebration at the time of the Homecoming game in the fall.

The Very Rev. Aloys Dirksen, president of the college, reported to the national officers that the Fieldhouse Fund drive had passed the \$27,000 mark.

CHAPTERS TO REPORT

Each chapter, the officers decided, will be asked to submit a report on the drive at the annual business meeting, June 15. A list of fund donors will be sent to chapter leaders, so that the officers will not lose too much time by contacting men who have already contributed. The list, however, in keeping with the national officers' policy, will not contain the amount given.

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How About A Retreat?

Alumni are invited to attend one of the two laymen's retreats to be held at St. Joseph's this summer. The first will begin Friday evening, June 20, and will close Sunday afternoon, June 22. The second will start Friday evening, August 22, and will end Sunday afternoon, August 24.

This is the third consecutive year that retreats for laymen have been sponsored at St. Joseph's College. The previous retreats have been enthusiastically received. All men in years past have remarked about the physical, mental, and spiritual pick-up they received during the tranquil days of the retreat.

The laymen are lodged in Drexel Hall. They attend sermons in the Drexel chapel. Their meals are served in the visitors' dining room on the main campus.

To defray the expenses of the retreat, a minimum of \$7.50 will be asked.

The retreat master has not yet been named.

Any alumnus who wishes information, or who wishes to register for himself, or for a friend, can do so by writing to the Rev. A. B. Paluszak, C.P.P.S.

The opening of the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration was honored with the presence of the Rev. William (Lawrence) Westhoven, C.P., '13.

He gave an illustrated lecture to the St. Joe students on his seventeen years as a missionary in China. Tales of floods, famines, bandits, bombs, and narrow escapes thrilled the college audience.

Father Westhoven will not be allowed to return to China for at least a year, according to passport officials.

Forget The Silo

You don't have to have a silo of nickles to contribute to the Alumni Fieldhouse Fund. Many grads want to give a bushel of sheckles, and because they can't afford it, they make no contribution to the drive.

That is the wrong attitude to have. The important thing is that every alumnus make some contribution, no matter how large or small.

In the first round of the drive, the fund has climbed well past the one-third mark. However, only about a twelfth of the alumni have contributed. If during the second round, which is now beginning, each former student makes some donation, the \$75,000 goal will soon be reached.

How much should you give?

Give what you can afford.

Please Read This Column

Here're The Facts

A letter of the Rev. Clement Falter, C.P.P.S., to prospective St. Joe students, presents the college catalog in a nutshell. There aren't many questions that can be asked about Collegeville's educational setup that aren't answered in the letter. We quote:

Since you have expressed an interest in a college education, allow me to tell you about St. Joseph's. With a full range of courses from which to choose, you may enroll in programs of study which lead to Ph. B., B. A., or B. S. degrees.

Here you will have the opportunity of majoring in any of the following subjects: Accounting, Economics, Education, History, Philosophy, Physical Education, Religion, English, French, German, Greek, Latin, Spanish, Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, Music, and Journalism.

If you are interested in pre-professional training in medicine, law, dentistry, or engineering, we offer courses that will fill your needs. If you want a teachers' license, we are accredited by the state to offer courses leading to such a certificate.

You will find more detailed information in the catalog when you receive it in the near future.

Although St. Joseph's is celebrating its Fiftieth Anniversary this year, most of its physical equipment is new. Five buildings including the fieldhouse, have been erected in the past two years. Despite its rapid growth, St. Joseph's has clung to the spirit of a progressive small college, and has retained all its advantages.

In a recent survey, St. Joe students named Catholic environment, reasonable rates, the instructor's individual concern for his students, and the friendly spirit of the student body as the things they value most on the campus. If you know a St. Joe student, speak with him about the college.

Life on the campus is pleasant. Social functions, entertainments, intercollegiate sports, and intramural games have their place. In intercollegiate competition, the college engages in football, basketball, baseball, tennis, boxing. The intramural program offers all these, and others.

The moderate rates are worth noting. The cost of tuition is only \$65 a semester, and the cost of board and lodging is approximately a dollar a day. Taking books and all incidentals into consideration, the cost a semester will be well below \$275. These low rates are possible, because some forty priests and twenty brothers of the Society of the Precious Blood are giving their services to the college without salary, and because St. Joseph's is able to furnish much of its food from its large farms.

The spiritual side of life is stressed on the campus. Courses in Religion are compulsory. Attendance at daily Mass is encouraged. An annual retreat is held for the students. Each student is asked to select a faculty advisor.

Meets Wife En Route

Urban Rauh, who was recently elected vice-president of the Midwestern Ohio Chapter, farmed from the time he left St. Joe in '19 until he was chosen one of the original incorporators of the Midwest Electric, Inc., a farmers' cooperative to distribute electricity. That was in 1936. For three years he worked as an organizer among Mercer County farmers.

While rambling through the country, he met the girl who later became his wife. They now have a daughter, Dolores.

Alumnus Rauh has returned to farming, but he still holds a position on the Board of Directors of Midwest Electric.

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Active Ohio Alumnus

John A. Metzner, '06-'11, is one of the most active of Ohio alumni. He is at present secretary-treasurer of the Delphos chapter, and was first president of the organization when it was founded more than a decade ago. The chapter was re-organized in 1939.

Mr. Metzner operated a general store and grain elevator at Jonestown, O., after leaving St. Joe. From there he went to the Army. He was commissioned as Second Lieutenant and still holds a captain's rank in the reserves.

The present head of the Metzner Insurance Agency worked for the American Car Company and the United States Radiator Company, after the war. He married Marie Koester, of St. Louis, a niece of the Rev. Meinrad Koester, C.P.P.S.

Alumnus Metzner has recently been manager of a grocery store and of a state liquor store.

Among offices that he has held is that of Grand Knight of the Delphos Council, Knights of Columbus, and the presidency of the deanery Council of Catholic Men.

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Grows Oak From Acorn

George A. Aug, '95-'97, manager of a dairy products company in Cincinnati, made a good sized oak grow from a tiny acorn.

He started his business in a small way in 1910. The business outgrew its quarters three times by 1922. He found it necessary to build a two-story concrete plant and to put ten trucks on the road supplying all of Cincinnati, Hamilton, and a good part of northern Kentucky.

He became the father of three boys and two girls; the girls were lost in babyhood, and the oldest son died two years ago.

While at St. Joe, Alumnus Aug helped organize the St. Aloysius Literary Society, and was elected its first president.

"I saw the first football game any St. Joe team ever played," Mr. Aug said. "It was against Rensselaer. Our team, outweighed fifteen pounds to a man, won by a small score. A little shrimp named Skinny Mungovan captained us and did a great job. Of course we celebrated. It took a lot of pleading before Father Seifert gave us permission to play the game."

SHOWS ACTION



(Courtesy Catholic Chronicle)

J. W. WIEGAND

Catholic Action has found a prominent place in the life of J. William Weigand, cashier of the Toledo Branch of the New York Life Insurance Company.

The president of the Toledo alumni chapter, who attended St. Joseph's from '12 until '15, was recently general chairman of the laymen's retreat which has been sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in Toledo for the past 37 years.

Alumnus Wiegand, who came to St. Joe from Indianapolis, was recording secretary for the Indianapolis K. C. council from '20 until '23. He has been connected with the New York Life Insurance Company for twenty years.

Auto Crash Injures Father Theo. Fettig

FORT WAYNE, Ind.—In a crash that claimed the lives of three persons, the Rev. Theodore Fettig, '09-'16, of Monroeville suffered serious injuries. The wreck occurred Sunday afternoon, April 27. Father Fettig is confined to St. Joseph's Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Father Kuhnmuench Buried In Carthagena

The Rev. Simon Kuhnmuench, '91-'97, was buried April 18, at Carthagena, O. The priest who was professor of Greek at St. Joseph's for twenty years was lately engaged in missionary work. Ordained in 1902, he died at the age of 65.

Herman Kirchner, '28-'32, was an April groom in Louisville.

Ohio Alumnus Keeps On Go With Dozens Of Irons In Fire

A story about George B. Quatman, '04-'05, written by Jim Fusco in a column called "Columbus Day by Day," in the Columbus Citizen, will be of interest to Alumni.

We quote:

George B. Quatman, president and general manager of the Telephone Service Co. of Ohio, came in from Lima recently and wanted to know if I would have lunch with him in his suite at the Neil House.

During the conversation I learned from George, whom I have known for about eight years, that he has just acquired the United Telephone Co. which operates 20 exchanges in Union and Logan counties, the principal ones being at Bellefontaine and Marysville.

And as my head became dizzy with figures on how many companies he owns and manages in the state a conclusion I have had since I met George ripened considerably. He has gone far in the industrial and utility world because he likes work more than anything else in the world. His is a real success story and I think it will be interesting to those people in Central Ohio whose telephone exchanges Mr. Quatman now operates.

The exchanges owned and managed by Mr. Quatman's companies are crowding 100 closely. Around Columbus there are the exchanges at Buckeye Lake, Mt. Vernon, Wooster, Galena, Sunbury, Mt. Sterling, Pataskala, Hebron and many others.

Newspapermen, of course, look for the unusual and in George Quatman we find it in the fact that his first job was digging post holes.

He later became a cable slicer and inside repair man. Then, after his graduation from the University of Dayton, he joined the Ohio Bell Telephone Co.

Mr. Quatman was founder and president of the Ohio Telephone Service Co. at Sidney when he went to Lima in 1929 as president of the Lima Telephone & Telegraph Co.

Personally, I can't for the life of me see how Mr. Quatman keeps track of his business. I know that he travels with a chauffeur, dictating constantly to a secretary who accompanies him, and that by that method he saves some time. But how on earth he manages to run the de-

tails of a hundred and more business units is more than I can figure—but he does.

In addition to his phone companies he operates the Engineering & Construction Co., doing engineering, construction and management work for public utilities. He also is an executive in the Ohio Service Holding Corp., which operates ice plants in four Ohio cities. And he owns the Peoples Gas Co., first to install underground gas systems in rural districts where gas is not available.

He is something of an inventor, too. He developed the first cordless long-distance switchboard

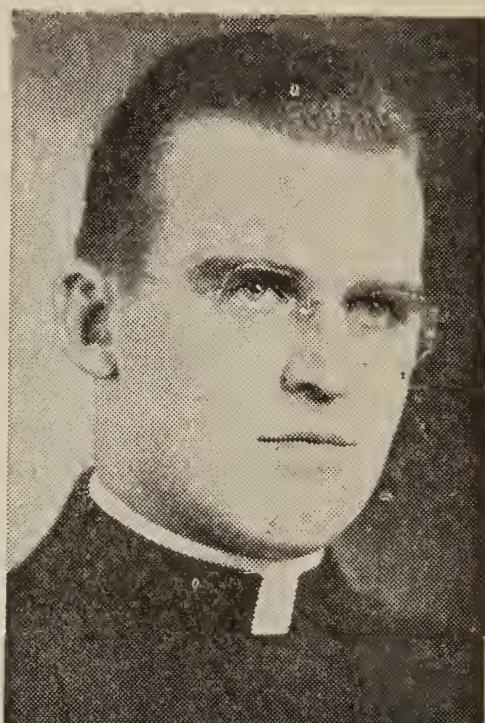
**GEORGE QUATMAN**

and the universal hand set. He also developed the automatic, moisture-proof, air-conditioned building for use in connection with unattended automatic exchanges.

And what does Mr. Quatman do for a hobby? Why, he likes to cook, of all things, and he says he'll prove it to me at Quatman's Island on Indian Lake.

Very active in Lima civic activities, Mr. Quatman is an illustration of the old adage: "If you want something done give it to the man who already has his hands full."

Mr. Quatman still chuckles every time he thinks of the game of tag he played with a new student from St. Henry. It was dark. The newcomer ran across the lawn and stumbled into the lake. Thinking the knee-deep pond might have great depth, he swam to the island and then

U. S. CHAPLAIN

(Courtesy Catholic Chronicle)

REV. URBAN WURM

The duties of a United States Army chaplain have been taken over by the Rev. Urban Wurm, '29-'33, at Camp Croft, Spartanburg, S. C. Father Wurm was formerly assistant pastor at St. Rose, Lima, O.

JOINS NAVY AIR CORPS

LIMA, O.—John J. O'Brien, '33-'35, has passed all qualifications at the U. S. Naval Reserve Aviation Base at Glenview, Ill., and has been recommended for transfer to Pensacola, Fla., to finish his training for a commission in the Navy.

WORKS FOR OIL COMPANY

FINDLAY, O.—Richard Palmer, '33-'35, is employed in the main office of the Ohio Oil company, here.

RED PARLON MARRIES

LAFAYETTE, IND.—Miss Bessie Perkins became the bride of Richard Parlon, '27-'29, assistant manager of the New Richmond Lumber Company, April 19. After having taken a wedding trip to New Orleans, Mr. and Mrs. Parlon now reside at 613 S. Ninth St.

GEDDEN TO WED

DES MOINES, IA.—Miss Katherine Ellen Flynn will become the bride of Joseph J. Gedden, '33-'35, May 17, at St. Augustine's Church.

called for help.

The Ohio business man lists among his fond reveries the memories of Bill Hilgerink, Red McNary, the Berghoff boys, Ed Pierce, the Nagelsen brothers, and Father Bart.

Priest Recalls College Days

The St. Joe campus is horse-belly-deep in memories for every alumnus.

The Rev. Joseph I. Hartmann, '22-'28, assistant at St. Joseph's Church, Maumee, Ohio, says that the C. L. S. plays are his favorite reminiscences.

"Of course, all remembrances of those days cast a rose-colored hue over all events," Father Hartmann said. "I like to recall the historical dramas of my first years at St. Joe and the later modern mystery and comedy plays. It's fun thinking about parts played by Joe Norton, Bob Koch, Bill Gibbons Cy Lauer, Ed Charek, Sid Heringhaus, and Bill Meyer. And under favorite

THE CHIEF



RICHARD J. AUBRY

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A walking encyclopedia of flight information, Richard J. Aubry, '27-'29, is Chief of the Flight Information Section of the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

With a staff of twenty editorial writers, illustrators, draftsmen, clerks, he publishes the national annual *Directory of Airports*, the monthly *Air Navigation Radio Aids*, *Weekly Notice to Airmen*, civil airways and radio range charts, and prepares exhibits for expositions and fairs.

After leaving St. Joe, Dick trained in the Army Air Corps. Then he worked in the Bureau of Air Commerce as airport radio operator and weather observer. Six years of this were sprinkled with barnstorming flights, stunt exhibitions, and charter flights. Public relations work for the Bureau followed. This included giving lectures and showing movies.

When Alumnus Aubry returned to college for a degree, it necessitated carrying a seventeen-hour schedule, driving 3,000 miles a month, and working at the airport. He received his degree in February '39, after having attended Notre Dame, Missouri, St. Joe, and University of Toledo.

Dick married Miss Erma Huss in 1935. They recently built a beautiful home in the rolling hills of Alexandria. Even more recently—four months ago—they became the parents of Dick Aubry, Jr. The elder Aubry said that the youngster, like his father, will in seventeen or eighteen years be starring on St.



(Courtesy Catholic Chronicle)

REV. JOSEPH HARTMANN

memories I'll list classes by Fathers Hartman, Kenkel, and Maurice, and issues of the Collegian and the Cheer."

Father Joseph was ordained in '34. Illness sent him to the hospital for a lengthy confinement. He has been stationed at St. Joseph's parish for the past five years. He has been a part time instructor in religion at DeSales College for the past two years.

"When St. Joe and DeSales meet in basketball, I'm on the fence," Father Hartmann said.

FR. HORDEMAN ILL

FRANKFORT, Ind.—The Rev. William B. Hordeman, '94-'00, pastor of St. Mary's Church, here, has been confined to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Lafayette, for several weeks, because of an operation.

Alumnus Dies In Sea Tragedy

OTTAWA.—First St. Joe College alumnus to lose his life in World War II is probably Robert E. Fordyce, who was among eleven United States ferry pilots who met death in a recent sea disaster, according to an announcement made here by the Canadian Government.

Fordyce enrolled in the academy at St. Joseph's in September '35. He was graduated from the academy in June '37. He was from Gilman, Ill.

TOO LATE



FREDERICK COFFIELD

A story of Frederick G. Coffield, '07-'09, appeared in the last issue of CONTACT. This picture arrived from the engraver too late to use with the article. Mr. Coffield, president of the Bankers Discount Corporation, South Bend, is treasurer of the St. Joe Valley Chapter.

Joe's gridiron, diamond, and in Turner Hall. Just where Barbara Ann will pursue higher education is not so certain. Mrs. Aubry argues for Trinity College, while the head of the house is pushing St. Mary's of the Woods, "because it's in Indiana." (The odds are two to one on Trinity).

Among Dick's glowing memories are Raleigh Club bull sessions, horse shoe games in the grove, play rehearsals, and ham-burgers at Wrights.

EARNS WINGS



CLINTON D. FIRESTONE

The silver wings of Second Lieutenant were pinned on Clinton D. Firestone, '35-'40, April 25, at the graduation exercises of the Air Corps Advanced Flying School, at Kelly Field, Texas.

SALESMAN IN AKRON

Anthony J. Mancz, '22-'24, of Akron, is a salesman for Armour and Company.

CHICAGOANS PLAN GOLF TOURNAMENT

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last year by John Kallal, will again be held up as the top award of the tourney.

Several White Sox baseball players will probably be guests of the chapter at a dinner in the clubhouse, following the tourney.

All Cook County Chapter members will receive notices concerning the tournament. Alumni outside of the Cook County chapter who are interested in attending the tournament may get details by writing to Vincent Boeke, secretary of the chapter, at 3105 Davlin Court, Chicago.

The Communion breakfast idea was shelved for a later date, because Alumni Day and the tournament will take care of the chapter's alumni activities for June.

DALTON VISITS CAMPUS

John Dalton, '28-'34, and wife dropped in at the campus, May 3, while on a vacation trip. Alumnus Dalton is employed by the Westinghouse Company, Mansfield, O.